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SUBJECT: US SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ROC

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM HABIB

1. APPRECIATE YOUR ANALYSIS IN REFTEL OF PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT US IN OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH ROC. WE AGREE THAT A NEW CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO TAIPEI IS REQUIRED AND PARTICULARLY WITH YOUR EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE THAT POLITI-AL FACTORS WILL PLAY AS A DETERRENT. PART ONE OF YOUR MESSAGE IS GENERALLY IN ACCORD WITH OUR THINKING, AND WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE USE IN DEVELOPING NEW GUIDE-LINES FOR ROC PROGRAM.

2. AS REGARDS SPECIFIC WEAPONS SYSTEMS, HARPOON MISSILE AND F5E/F AIRCRAFT ARE CASES REQUIRING MOST IMMEDIATE

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ATTENTION. WITH REGARD TO HARPOON, WE ARE AWARE OF

STYX THREAT, BUT HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS SYSTEM.
STATE AND DEFENSE CONTINUING TO CONSULT TO DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NSC DECISION. WE ALSO FORESEE CON-
SIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN GAINING APPROVAL FOR SYSTEMS WITH
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS LASER GUIDED BOMBS. AS FOR
ADDITIONAL F5E'S, AND REQUEST FOR A DECISION, AT LEAST

IN PRINCIPLE, BY END OF NOVEMBER, WE WILL EXAMINE THIS
PROPOSAL, BUT IT ALSO PROMISES TO BE DIFFICULT ONE.

3. ISSUE OF MILITARY SUPPLY TO ROC WILL SHORTLY BE UNDER
HIGH LEVEL REVIEW HERE, AFTER WHICH WE WILL BE ABLE TO
GIVE YOU MORE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
RAISED IN YOUR MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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